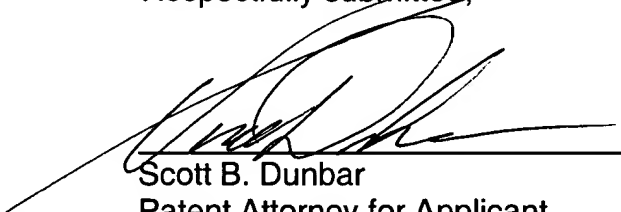


REMARKS

Claims 33 – 57 are currently pending in the application. Claims 13 - 32 have been withdrawn, without prejudice. No new subject matter has been added. The new claims are directed to claim group II, original claims 13 – 24, per the restriction requirement dated November 15, 1999, in the parent application, 09/225,267. Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application and feels that a telephone conference would be helpful to resolve any issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (661) 775-3990 ext. 3129.

Respectfully submitted,

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